

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christopher Brett Ward
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Title : HYDROMETALLURGICAL
PROCESSING OF MANGANESE
CONTAINING MATERIALS
Examiner : Arun S. Phasge
Group Art Unit : 1795

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Applicant submits these remarks in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 1, 2009. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested, based upon the arguments set forth below and based upon the accompanying Declaration of Prof. Michael J. Nicol, an expert in the field of the present invention (extractive metallurgy, and particularly hydrometallurgy), and which is being